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Summary

The present note contains information on the one-year extension of the country programme for Somalia.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme, while requests for extensions for a second year or requests for two-year extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the one-year country programme extension for Somalia.

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One-year country programme extension approved by the Executive Director

Country	Original programme period	Year proposed for extension	Explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Somalia	2008-2009	2010	The United Nations Transition Plan for Somalia, 2008-2010, is aligned to the regional development plan of Somalia. The United Nations country team agreed to harmonize its programme cycles, beginning in 2008, through common annual workplans. These workplans constitute the country programme action plans for the Executive Committee agencies of the United Nations Development Group. Due to the prevailing security and political situation, futher planning for reconstruction and recovery is pending. The United Nations country team has extended the United Nations Transition Plan through the end of 2010. The team will initiate a new, harmonized programme planning cyle at the end of 2010.	In January 2009, the Transitional Federal Authority of Somalia extended the mandate of the Transitional Federal Government until 2011. The extension of the mandate will provide a period of two years to attain national agreement and seek international support for elections. Peace remains fragile as does the security situation.	UNFPA will continue to implement its emergency and relief assistance programme from its office based in Nairobi, Kenya, with the support of operational suboffices in Hargeisa (Somaliland) and Garowe (Puntland). UNFPA will integrate relief and humanitarian interventions with recovery and development efforts, as permitted by security and political developments.